(b) As per the information of the State Government, the incidents of crime against SC/ST is as follows :—

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| 1999 | 6917 |
| 2000 | 8462 |
| 2001 | 5635 (upto July, 2001) |

(c) and (d) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Government of India has been advising the State Government, from time to time, to give more focused attention to improving the administration of the criminal justice system to ensure prevention of atrocities against Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, women and other vulnerable sections of the society. The advisories issued by the Government include, *inter alia*, sensitisation of police personnel in the matter of implementation of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and the Protection of Civil Rights, 1955; recruitment of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Schedule Tribes in the police force; identification of atrocity prone areas with a view to preventing crimes, creating awareness among the weaker sections about their rights etc.

**Embarrassment for the Union Government**

4019. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO :

SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to enact a legislation to prevent the recurrence of the Tamil Nadu situation wherein Union Ministers got arrested and created an embarrassment for the Union Government;

(b) if so, the draft of the proposals to be enacted; and

(c) by when enactment is likely to be introduced

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) to (c) There is no such proposal before the Government.